

Skuttlebutt Sheet

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

As the new Director of Library Services here at PBCC, I have recently been investigating new ways that the different campus libraries might communicate, talk with each other, share information, find out about programs and events and in general feel that we are all part of the same team. Recently, Alice Zacherl, Director, LLRC North Campus, suggested a newsletter. I think it is a great idea. So, here it is.....

But, I'd like your help. I'd like this to be a staff newsletter just for the different campus library staffs. In order for it to succeed everyone has to participate. First of all, how do you like this idea? Let me know. If I haven't already talked to you by time this comes out I will be around to your location soon and I'll be looking for suggestions.

As of right now I see it as a place where we can exchange information, ideas, birthday dates, rumors, concerns, amusing incidents, not so amusing incidents, recipes and whatever. But, again, it won't work unless we have good participation.

And now for a little bit of information about me. I hail from New Jersey originally, where I grew up in a small town in the suburbs called Waldwick. I went to Rutgers for my B.A. in English and later after trying my wings at teaching I decided to follow my mother's lead and try librarianship. I got my M.L.S. at FSU and since then have worked at the State University in Tallahassee and at the County Library in W.P.B.

Before I tell you more about my library experience, I would like to mention some of the other work experiences I've had along the way. In addition to teaching, I've also worked for a while as a newspaper reporter, an automobile assembly line supervisor, musician, and short order cook.

My Library experience spans the gamut from reference services to cataloging and just about everything in between. I'm a firm believer in the

benefits of versatility. By that I mean, staff should have the opportunity to learn as much about as many different areas of the library as they would like. And hopefully, one step in that direction is this newsletter. Let's use it as a way of getting to know one another and exploring possibilities.

WHAT'S NEW AT PBCC LIBRARY????

The A-V Center at Central now circulates videotapes to all other campus libraries, for use by all faculty.

The Processing and Acquisitions departments have been combined in order to provide even more efficient and speedy ordering, cataloging, and processing. Currently we are considering the purchase of a cataloging system (Bibliophile) which has the potential of saving money and staff time.

Starting this month the Library will be actively pursuing interlibrary loan requests for faculty throughout Florida by way of the Florida Library Information Network (FLIN).

Hal Foster and Dean Paul Glynn are working on the organization of the PBCC Archives. After completion of the sorting and cataloging, the archival collection will be open to the College and the public.

A PBCC clippings file has been developed. Articles relating to the College and to the community are clipped daily and filed in the Florida Vertical File.

Student tours of the LLRC are on the increase. Our library orientation program has resulted in increased use of the library in all departments. Many people have commented how busy we are and stated, "I've never seen so many people in the Library before." Kudos to Carol Blum.

Rosemarie Lowrey has moved to the position of Reference Librarian and Carole Blum has joined our staff as Faculty Services Librarian. Rosemarie's expertise in this area coupled with her service attitude is much appreciated. Carole is currently planning various activities designed to help faculty and students rediscover the Library. We'll keep you posted.

A Library survey has been distributed among the students

In order to assess their needs in the library and to identify areas in which they find our services helpful or needing change. A faculty survey will soon be delivered to all of the faculty members on campus.

Magazine Index Plus (InfoTrac II), a CD ROM program, has been installed on the periodicals floor. This computerized subject index to thousands of articles supplemented by many of the actual articles on microfilm has already proven to be an excellent search tool for our students. Magazine Index, a subject index to periodical literature on microfilm, housed in the reference room on the third floor is equally helpful. Both programs have been well-received by students and faculty and will be with us, on a preview basis, for the entire semester.

Anyone planning a trip throughout the United States or Canada is invited to stop in at the Periodicals floor to browse through our collection of pamphlets and tourist information.

A new collection of audio books (books on tape) have been added to the software collection of our A-V Department. The collection of self-help and fictional material is available for checkout to anyone with a valid PBCC library card. Watch for new titles to be displayed as they arrive in the showcase on the A-V floor of the Library.

THE SKUTTLEBUTT IS THAT.....

.....Our new student helper in Reference would rather be on the basketball court. Tiffany Stubbs, scholarship student from Atlanta, is spending part of her time helping to reorganize and update the vertical file.....Marie Roberts and Kathy O'Neil received a church library certificate after attending the Florida Church Media Library Workshop and Convention.....crafters are getting ready for the Christmas holidays with lots of sewing, gluing and knitting.....Idella Wade and Penny Brown have just taken a workshop covering how to deal with difficult people. Watch out!!!!.....A new AV library helper is on the way -- Debbie Carroll is expecting a baby.....Not to be outdone, the Periodical section is boasting of a new helper, too.....Judy Neumann is a proud, first-time grandma to Emily Rose, born August 27 to Jeff and Jennifer Neumann.....Nita Johnson, Anita Lambert, Kathy O'Neil, and Chris Chesser are taking classes at PBCC this term.....Lucky Carolyn (Peaches) Copeland won \$231 in the Florida lottery.....but even luckier Judy Neumann and husband Irwin won \$4,800!!!!.....Diana Foote is setting up the small business library for the Small Business Development Center on the FAU campus. This Library will be open to the general public and promises to be a resource for people wanting to start a small business.....Marie Reddy is exploring various ways in which we can use the PC to keep records and streamline communications.....The Sum-

mer Olympic display set up by Judy, Joyce, and Penny proved to be a big hit. Penny's Olympic Pin collection created much interest and even got others interested in starting pin collections!!!!.....Another interesting display that has been on view the past month is the Campaign Display. Bits of information from the Democratic and Republican conventions, Jeffrey Neumann's collection of campaign buttons, coupled with Brian Crowley's (of the Palm Beach Post) campaign buttons and convention materials are catching many curious viewers.....A new, exciting, exhibit has just been unveiled--the Literary Autograph Collection of Mr. Arthur Schneider. The autographs of many great authors are on display--including T.S. Eliott, Zane Grey, Charles Dickens, William Jennings Bryan, and many more. This attractive arrangement of autographs and Victoriana is a must see for everyone....

Happy October Birthdays to Bill Buntin (October 20) and Mary Palmer (October 28). The only November birthday is Nita Johnson (November 17).

MEET THE LIBRARY STAFF.....

Joyce Kruger

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Joyce Kruger moved to Florida from Rochester, New York, 17 years ago. She raised two daughters with the help of her husband, Bill, to whom she's been married for thirty-one years. Both daughters attended Lake Worth High School and Palm Beach Junior College.

She's an avid tennis player, bowls and swims on a regular basis and loves to do craft projects. Joyce and her husband worked with church and school youth groups and they both have been involved in scouting for many years.

After twenty years of being at home Joyce decided to look for a new challenge and this led to her present position in the periodicals department at the Library. Joyce has been here for five busy years, but still finds time for fun and leisure activities with Bill.